

HSK Vocabulary

Level 5

新汉语水平考试词汇

五级

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This HSK vocabulary series is designed to help you pass your HSK exam with ease by providing an overview of the vocabulary terms introduced at each level of the HSK.

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What is the HSK?

Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì
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The HSK, Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì or Chinese Proficiency Test, is China's only standardized test of Standard Chinese language proficiency for non-native speakers such as foreign students and overseas Chinese.

The HSK test is administered in Simplified Chinese, and aims to be a certificate of language proficiency for higher educational and professional purposes. Each year, HSK certificates are issued to those who meet the required scores. In addition, test takers with outstanding results can win a scholarship for short-term language study in China.

The HSK test is administered by Hanban, a non-government organization affiliated with the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

HSK Levels

The Hànyǔ Shuǐpíng Kǎoshì is divided into 6 levels of difficulty, with each level building on the vocabulary and knowledge from the previous one.

	Words (total/new)		Characters (total/new)		Description
1	150	150	174	174	Designed for learners who can understand and use some simple Chinese characters and sentences to communicate, and prepares them for continuing their Chinese studies. In HSK 1 all characters are provided along with Pinyin.
2	300	150	347	173	Designed for learners who can use Chinese in a simple and direct manner, applying it in a basic fashion to their daily lives. In HSK 2 all characters are provided along with Pinyin as well.
3	600	300	617	270	Designed for learners who can use Chinese to serve the demands of their personal lives, studies and work, and are capable of completing most of the communicative tasks they experience during their Chinese tour.
4	1200	600	1064	447	Designed for learners who can discuss a relatively wide range of topics in Chinese and are capable of communicating with Chinese speakers at a high standard.
5	2500	1300	1685	621	Designed for learners who can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, watch Chinese films and are capable of writing and delivering a lengthy speech in Chinese.
6	5000	2500	2663	978	Designed for learners who can easily understand any information communicated in Chinese and are capable of smoothly expressing themselves in written or oral form.

āi

哎

hey! / (interjection used to attract attention or to express surprise or disapprobation)

āi

唉

(interjection to express agreement or recognition) / to sigh

ài hù

爱护 (愛護)

to take care of / to treasure / to cherish / to love and protect

ài xī

爱惜 (愛惜)

to cherish / to treasure / to use sparingly

ài xīn

爱心 (愛心)

compassion / CL:片[piàn]

ān wèi

安慰

to comfort / to console / CL:个

ān zhuāng

安装 (安裝)

to install / to erect / to fix / to mount / installation

àn

岸

shore / bank / beach / coast / CL:個|个[gè]

àn

暗

dark / gloomy / hidden / secret / muddled / obscure / in the dark

áo yè

熬夜

to stay up late or all night

bǎ wò

把握

to grasp (also fig.) / to seize / to hold / assurance / certainty / sure (of the outcome)

bǎi

摆 (擺)

to arrange / to exhibit / to move to and fro / a pendulum

bàn lǐ

办理 (辦理)

to handle / to transact / to conduct

bàng wǎn

傍晚

in the evening / when night falls / towards evening / at night fall / at dusk

bāo guǒ

包裹

wrap up / bind up / bundle / parcel / package / CL:个

bāo hán

包含

to contain / to embody / to include

bāo kuò

包括

to comprise / to include / to involve / to incorporate / to consist of

báo

薄

thin / cold in manner / indifferent / weak / light / infertile

bǎo chí

保持

to keep / to maintain / to hold / to preserve

bǎo cún

保存

to conserve / to preserve / to keep / to save (a file etc) (computing)

bǎo liú

保留

to preserve / to maintain / to retain / to continue to have / to reserve / reservations / to hold back (approval or acceptance)

bǎo xiǎn

保险 (保險)

insurance / to insure / safe / secure / be sure / be bound to / CL:份[fèn]

bǎo bèi

宝贝 (寶貝)

treasured object / treasure / darling / baby / cowry / good-for-nothing or queer character

bǎo guì

宝贵 (寶貴)

valuable / precious / value / treasure / set store by

bào dào

报到 (報到)

to check in / to report for duty / to register

bào dào

报道 (報道)

report / to report (new) / CL:篇[piān], 份[fèn]

bào gào

报告 (報告)

to inform / report / make known / speech / talk / lecture / CL:篇[piān], 份[fèn], 个[tòng]

bào shè

报社 (報社)

general office of a newspaper / newspaper office / CL:家[jiā]

bào yuàn

抱怨

to complain / to grumble

bēi guān

悲观 (悲觀)

pessimistic

bèi

背

the back of a body or object / to turn one's back / to hide something from / to learn by heart / to recite from memory

bèi jǐng

背景

background / backdrop / context / CL:种[zhǒng]

bèi zi

被子

quilt / CL:床[chuáng]

běn kē

本科

undergraduate course / undergraduate (adjective)

běn lǐng

本领 (本領)

skill / ability / capability / CL:项[xiàng], 个

běn zhì

本质 (本質)

essence / nature / innate character / intrinsic quality

bǐ cǐ

彼此

each other / one another

bǐ lì

比例

proportion / scale

bì rán

必然

inevitable / certain / necessity

bì yào

必要

necessary / essential / indispensable / required

bì jìng

毕竟 (畢竟)

after all / all in all / when all is said and done / in the final analysis

bì miǎn

避免

to avert / to prevent / to avoid / to refrain from

biān jí

编辑 (編輯)

to edit / to compile / editor / compiler

biān pào

鞭炮

firecrackers / a string of small firecrackers / CL:枚[méi]

biàn

便

convenient / as convenient / ordinary / plain / when the chance arises / handy / easy / informal / simple / so / thus / to relieve oneself / to urinate / to defecate / equivalent to 就: then / in that case / even if / soon afterwards

biàn lùn

辩论 (辯論)

debate / argument / to argue over / CL:场[chǎng], 次[cì]

biāo diǎn

标点 (標點)

punctuation / a punctuation mark / to punctuate / CL:个

biāo zhì

标志 (標誌)

sign / mark / symbol / symbolize / to indicate / to mark

biǎo dá

表达 (表達)

to voice (an opinion) / to express / to convey

biǎo miàn

表面

surface / face / outside / appearance

biǎo míng

表明

to make clear / to make known / to state clearly / to indicate / known

biǎo qíng

表情

(facial) expression / to express one's feelings / expression

biǎo xiàn

表现 (表現)

to show / to show off / to display / to manifest / expression / manifestation / show / display / performance (at work etc)

bīng jī líng

冰激凌 (冰激凌)

ice cream

bìng dú

病毒

virus

bō fàng

播放

to broadcast / to transmit

bō li

玻璃

glass / nylon / plastic / CL:张[zhāng], 块[kuài]

bó wù guǎn

博物馆 (博物館)

museum

bó zi

脖子

neck / CL:个

bú duàn

不断 (不斷)

unceasing / uninterrupted / continuous / constant

bú jiàn de

不见得 (不見得)

not necessarily / not likely

bú nài fán

不耐烦 (不耐煩)

impatience / impatient

bú yào jǐn

不要紧 (不要緊)

unimportant / not serious / it doesn't matter / never mind / it looks all right / but

bǔ chōng

补充 (補充)

to replenish / to supplement / to complement / additional / supplementary / CL:个

bù ān

不安

unpeaceful / unstable / uneasy / disturbed / restless / worried

bù dé liǎo

不得了

disastrous / desperately serious / extremely / exceedingly

bù rán

不然

not so / no / or else / otherwise / if not

bù rú

不如

not equal to / not as good as / inferior to / it would be better to

bù zú

不足

insufficient / lacking / deficiency / not enough / inadequate / not worth / cannot / should not

bù

布

cloth / to declare / to announce / to spread / to make known

bù zhòu

步骤 (步驟)

step / move / measure

bù mén

部门 (部門)

department / branch / section / division / CL:个

cái chǎn

财产 (財產)

property / assets / estate / CL:笔[bǐ]

cǎi hóng

彩虹

rainbow

cǎi

踩

to step on / to tread / to stamp / to press a pedal / to pedal (a bike)

cǎi fǎng

采访 (採訪)

to interview / to gather news / to hunt for and collect / to cover

cǎi qǔ

采取

to adopt or carry out (measures, policies, course of action) / to take

cān kǎo

参考 (參考)

reference / to consult / to refer / consultation

cān yù

参与 (參與)

to participate (in sth)

cán kuì

惭愧 (慚愧)

ashamed / be ashamed

cāo chǎng

操场 (操場)

playground / sports field / drill ground / CL:个

cāo xīn

操心

to worry about

cè

册 (冊)

booklet / book / classifier for books

cè yàn

测验 (測驗)

test / to test / CL:次[cì], 个

céng jīng

曾经 (曾經)

once / already / former / previously / ever / (past tense marker used before verb or clause)

chā zi

叉子

fork / CL:把[bǎ]

chā jù

差距

disparity / gap

chā

插

to insert / stick in / pierce / to take part in / to interfere / to interpose

chāi

拆

to tear open / to tear down / to tear apart / to open

chǎn pǐn

产品 (產品)

goods / merchandise / product / CL:个

chǎn shēng

产生 (產生)

to arise / to come into being / to come about / to give rise to / to bring into being / to bring about / to produce / to engender / to generate / to appear / appearance / emergence / generation / production / yield

cháng shí

常识 (常識)

common sense / general knowledge / CL:个[mén]

cháng tú

长途 (長途)

long distance

chāo

抄

to copy / to plagiarize / to search and seize / to go / to transcribe / to take a shortcut / to search and confiscate

chāo jí

超级 (超級)

transcending / high grade / super- / ultra-

cháo

朝

imperial or royal court / government / dynasty / reign of a sovereign or emperor / court or assembly held by a sovereign or emperor / to make a pilgrimage to / facing / towards

cháo shī

潮湿 (潮濕)

moist / damp

chǎo

吵

to make a noise / noisy / to disturb by making a noise

chǎo jià

吵架

to quarrel / to have a row / CL:顿[dùn]

chǎo

炒

pan-fry / to fry / fried / sauté

chē kù

车库 (車庫)

garage

chē xiāng

车厢 (車廂)

carriage / CL:节[jié]

chè dǐ

彻底 (徹底)

thorough / thoroughly / complete

chén mò

沉默 (沈默)

taciturn / silent / uncommunicative

chèn

趁

to avail oneself of / to take advantage of

chēng

称 (稱)

to weigh / to state / to name / name / appellation / to praise

chēng hu

称呼 (稱呼)

to call / to address as / appellation

chēng zàn

称赞 (稱贊)

to praise / to acclaim / to commend / to compliment

chéng fèn

成分

composition / make-up / ingredient / element / component / one's social status / CL:个

chéng guǒ

成果

result / achievement / gain / profit / CL:个

chéng jiù

成就

accomplishment / success / attain a result / achievement / CL:个

chéng lì

成立

to establish / to set up / to be tenable / to hold water

chéng rén

成人

adult

chéng shú

成熟

mature / ripe

chéng yǔ

成语 (成語)

Chinese set expression of 4 characters or two couplets of 4 characters each: expression often alluding to a story or historical quotation / idiom / proverb / saying / adage / set expression / CL:条[tiáo], 本[běn], 句[jù]

chéng zhǎng

成长 (成長)

to mature / to grow / growth

chéng dān

承担 (承擔)

to undertake / to assume (responsibility etc)

chéng rèn

承认 (承認)

to admit / to concede / to recognize / recognition (diplomatic, artistic etc) / to acknowledge

chéng shòu

承受

to bear / to support / to inherit

chéng dù

程度

degree (level or extent) / level / CL:个

chéng xù

程序

procedures / sequence / order / computer program

chéng kěn

诚恳 (誠懇)

sincere / honest / cordial

chī kuī

吃亏 (吃虧)

to suffer losses / to come to grief / to lose out / to get the worst of it / to be at a disadvantage / unfortunately

chí xù

持续 (持續)

to continue / to persist / sustainable / preservation

chí táng

池塘

pool / pond

chí zǎo

迟早 (遲早)

sooner or later

chǐ zi

尺子

rule / ruler (measuring instrument) / CL:把[bǎ]

chì bǎng

翅膀

wing / CL:个,对[duì]

chōng diàn qì

充电器 (充電器)

battery charger

chōng fèn

充分

full / abundant

chōng mǎn

充满 (充滿)

full of / brimming with / very full / permeated

chōng

冲 (沖)

(of water) to dash against / to mix with water / to infuse / to rinse / to flush / to develop (a film) / to rise in the air / to clash / to collide with

chóng fù

重复 (重複)

to repeat / to duplicate / CL:个

chǒng wù

宠物 (寵物)

house pet

chōu ti

抽屉 (抽屜)

drawer

chōu xiàng

抽象

abstract

chǒu

丑 (醜)

clown / disgraceful / surname Chou / 2nd earthly branch: 1-3 a.m., 12th solar month (6th January to 3rd February) / year of the Ox

chòu

臭

stench / stink / smelly / to smell (bad)

chū bǎn

出版

to publish / to come off the press / to put out

chū kǒu

出口

an exit / to speak / to export / (of a ship) to leave port / CL:个

chū sè

出色

remarkable / outstanding

chū shì

出示

to show / to take out and show to others / to display

chū xí

出席

to attend / to participate / present

chū jí

初级 (初級)

junior / primary

chú fēi

除非

only if (... or otherwise,...) / only when / only in the case that / unless

chú xī

除夕

(New Year's) Eve

chǔ lǐ

处理 (處理)

to handle / to treat / to deal with / to process / CL:个

chuán bō

传播 (傳播)

to propagate / to disseminate / to spread

chuán rǎn

传染 (傳染)

to infect / contagious

chuán shuō

传说 (傳說)

legend / folklore / tradition / it is said / they say that...

chuán tǒng

传统 (傳統)

tradition / traditional / convention / conventional / CL:个

chuāng lián

窗帘 (窗簾)

window curtains

chuǎng

闯 (闖)

to rush / to charge / to dash / to break through / to temper oneself (through battling hardships)

chuàng zào

创造 (創造)

to create / to bring about / to produce / CL:个

chuī

吹

to blow / to play a wind instrument / to blast / to puff / to boast / to brag / to end in failure / to fall through

cí huì

词汇 (詞彙)

vocabulary / list of words (e.g. for language teaching purposes)

cí zhí

辞职 (辭職)

to resign

cǐ wài

此外

besides / in addition / moreover / furthermore

cì jī

刺激

to irritate / to provoke / to upset / to stimulate / to excite / irritant

cì yào

次要

secondary

cōng máng

匆忙

hasty / hurried

cóng cǐ

从此 (從此)

from now on / since then / henceforth

cóng ér

从而 (從而)

thus / thereby

cóng qián

从前 (從前)

previously / formerly / once upon a time

cóng shì

从事 (從事)

to go for / to engage in / to undertake / to deal with / to handle / to do

cū cāo

粗糙

crude / gruff / rough / coarse

cù jìn

促进 (促進)

to promote (an idea or cause) / to advance / boost

cù shǐ

促使

to induce / to promote / to urge / to impel / to bring about / to provoke / to drive (sb to do sth) / to catalyze / to actuate / to contribute to (some development)

cù

醋

vinegar / acid / jealousy (in love rivalry)

cuī

催

to urge / to press / to prompt / to rush sb / to hasten sth / to expedite

cún zài

存在

to exist / to be

cuò shī

措施

measure / step (to be taken) / CL:个

dā yīng

答应 (答應)

to agree / to promise / to reply / to respond

dá dào

达到 (達到)

to reach / to achieve / to attain

dǎ gōng

打工

to have a part time job / to do manual work

dǎ jiāo dào

打交道

to come into contact with / to have dealings

dǎ pēn tì

打喷嚏 (打噴嚏)

to sneeze

dǎ tīng

打听 (打聽)

to ask about / to inquire about

dà fāng

大方

generous / tasteful / stylish / easy-mannered

dà shà

大厦 (大廈)

large building / edifice / mansion / CL:座[zuò]

dà xiàng

大象

elephant / CL:只[zhī]

dà xíng

大型

large scale / wide scale / broad scale

dāi

呆

foolish / stupid / expressionless / blank / to stay

dài biǎo

代表

representative / delegate / to represent / to stand for / on behalf of / in the name of / CL:位[wèi],个,名[míng]

dài tì

代替

instead / to replace / to substitute (X for Y, or a number in an algebraic expression)

dài yù

待遇

treatment / pay / wages / status / salary

dài kuǎn

贷款 (貸款)

a loan / to provide a loan (e.g. bank) / CL:笔[bǐ]

dān chún

单纯 (單純)

simple / pure / alone / merely

dān diào

单调 (單調)

monotonous / uniform / unvarying

dān dú

单独 (單獨)

by oneself / alone / on one's own

dān wèi

单位 (單位)

unit (to measure) / work unit (one's workplace) / group of people as a whole / CL:个

dān yuán

单元 (單元)

unit (as an entity) / element / entrance number

dān rèn

担任 (擔任)

to hold a governmental office or post / to assume office of / to take charge of / to serve as

dān wu

耽误 (耽誤)

to delay / to hold-up / to waste time / to interfere with

dǎn xiǎo guǐ

胆小鬼 (膽小鬼)

coward

dàn

淡

insipid / diluted / weak / mild / light in color / tasteless / fresh / indifferent / nitrogen

dāng dì

当地 (當地)

local / in the locality

dāng xīn

当心 (當心)

to take care / to look out

dǎng

挡 (擋)

to resist / to obstruct / to hinder / to keep off / to block (a blow) / to get in the way of / cover / gear

dǎo méi

倒霉 (倒黴)

have bad luck / be out of luck

dǎo yǎn

导演 (導演)

direct / director (film etc)

dǎo zhì

导致 (導致)

to lead to / to create / to cause / to bring about

dǎo yǔ

岛屿 (島嶼)

island

dào dá

到达 (到達)

to reach / to arrive

dào dé

道德

virtue / morality / ethics / moral / CL:种[zhǒng]

dào lǐ

道理

reason / argument / sense / principle / basis / justification / CL:个

dēng jì

登记 (登記)

to register (one's name) / to check in / enter one's name

děng dài

等待

wait for / await

děng yú

等于

to equal / to be tantamount to

dī

滴

a drop / to drip

dí rén

敌人 (敵人)

enemy / foe / CL:个

dí què

的确 (的確)

really / indeed

dì dào

地道

real / pure / genuine / typical / well-done / thorough

dì lǐ

地理

geography

dì qū

地区 (地區)

regional / local / district (not necessarily formal administrative unit) / region / area / as suffix to city name, means prefecture or county (area administered by a prefecture level city or county level city) / CL:个

dì tǎn

地毯

carpet / rug

dì wèi

地位

position / status / place / CL:个

dì zhèn

地震

earthquake

dì

递 (遞)

to hand over / to pass on sth / to gradually increase or decrease / progressively

diǎn xīn

点心 (點心)

pastry / dimsum (in Cantonese cooking) / dessert / light refreshments

diàn chí

电池 (電池)

battery / CL:节[jié], 组[zǔ]

diàn tái

电台 (電台)

transmitter-receiver / broadcasting station / radio station / CL:个

diào

钓 (釣)

to fish with a hook and bait

dǐng

顶 (頂)

apex / crown of the head / top / roof / to carry on the head / to push to the top / to go against / most / to replace / to substitute / classifier for headwear, hats, veils etc / to agree or support (internet slang, similar to digg)

dòng

冻 (凍)

to freeze / to feel very cold / aspic or jelly

dòng huà piān

动画片 (動畫片)

cartoon / animation

dòng

洞

cave / hole / zero (unambiguous spoken form when spelling out numbers) / CL:个

dòu fu

豆腐

tofu / bean curd

dòu

逗

to tease / to play with

dú lì

独立 (獨立)

independent / independence / to stand alone

dú tè

独特 (獨特)

distinct / unique / having special characteristics

dù guò

度过 (度過)

to spend / to pass: to get through / to survive

duàn

断 (斷)

to break / to snap / to cut off / to give up or abstain from sth / to judge / (usu. used in the negative) absolutely, definitely, decidedly

duī

堆

to pile up / to heap up / pile (of things) / a mass / heap / stack

duì huàn

兑换 (兌換)

to convert / to exchange

duì bǐ

对比 (對比)

contrast / ratio / CL:个

duì dài

对待 (對待)

to treat / treatment

duì fāng

对方 (對方)

counterpart / other person involved / opposite side / other side / receiving party

duì shǒu

对手 (對手)

opponent / adversary / rival / competitor

duì xiàng

对象 (對象)

target / object / partner / boyfriend / girlfriend / CL:个

dūn

吨 (噸)

ton

dūn

蹲

to crouch / to squat

dùn

顿 (頓)

to pause / to stop / to lay out / to kowtow / to stamp / at once / classifier for meals, beating, tellings off etc: time, bout, spell, meal

duō kuī

多亏 (多虧)

thanks to / luckily

duō yú

多余

superfluous / unnecessary / surplus

duǒ

朵

earlobe

duǒ cáng

躲藏

to conceal oneself / to hide oneself / to take cover

è liè

恶劣 (惡劣)

vile / nasty / of very poor quality

ěr huán

耳环 (耳環)

earring / CL:只[zhī], 对[duì]

fā biǎo

发表 (發表)

to publish / to issue / to put out / to issue (a statement)

fā chóu

发愁 (發愁)

to worry / to fret / to be anxious / to become sad

fā dá

发达 (發達)

developed (country etc) / flourishing / to develop

fā dǒu

发抖 (發抖)

to tremble / to shake / to shiver / to shudder / tremulous

fā huī

发挥 (發揮)

to display / to exhibit / to bring out implicit or innate qualities / to express (a thought or moral) / to develop (an idea) / to elaborate (on a theme)

fā míng

发明 (發明)

to invent / invention / CL:个

fā piào

发票 (發票)

invoice / receipt or bill for purchase

fā yán

发言 (發言)

to make a speech / statement / utterance

fá kuǎn

罚款 (罰款)

(impose a) fine / penalty / fine (monetary)

fǎ yuàn

法院

court of law / court

fān

翻

to turn over / to flip over / to overturn / to rummage through / to translate / to decode

fán róng

繁荣 (繁榮)

prosperous / booming (economy)

fǎn ér

反而

instead / on the contrary / contrary (to expectations)

fǎn fù

反复 (反複)

repeatedly / over and over

fǎn yìng

反应 (反應)

to react / to respond / reaction / response / reply / chemical reaction / CL:个

fǎn yìng

反映

to mirror / to reflect / mirror image / reflection / fig.to report / to make known / to render / used erroneously for 反应, response or reaction

fǎn zhèng

反正

to put things back in order / to return to the correct path / in any event / come what may / whatever happens (I'm still sure it's right) / anyway

fàn wéi

范围 (範圍)

limit / range / scope / extent / CL:个

fāng

方

square / power or involution (mathematics) / upright / honest / fair and square / direction / side / party (to a contract, dispute etc) / place / method / prescription (medicine) / upright or honest / just when / only or just / classifier for square things / abbr. for square or cubic meter

fāng àn

方案

plan (for action) / program (for action etc) / proposal / proposed bill / CL:个

fāng shì

方式

way (of life) / pattern / style / mode / manner / CL:个

fáng ài

妨碍 (妨礙)

to hinder / to obstruct

fǎng fú

仿佛

to seem / as if / alike / similar

fēi

非

non- / not- / un- / abbr. for Africa 非洲 / wrong / evil-doing / insist on / simply must

féi zào

肥皂

soap / CL:块[kuài], 条[tiáo]

fèi huà

废话 (廢話)

nonsense / rubbish / superfluous words / You don't say! / No kidding! (gently sarcastic)

fēn bié

分别 (分別)

to part or leave each other / to distinguish / difference / in different ways / differently / separately or individually

fēn bù

分布

distributed / to distribute

fēn pèi

分配

to assign / to allocate / to distribute

fēn shǒu

分手

to part company / to split up / to break up

fēn xī

分析

to analyze / analysis / CL:个

fēn fēn

纷纷 (紛紛)

one after another / in succession / one by one / continuously / diverse / in profusion / numerous and confused / pell-mell

fèn dòu

奋斗 (奮鬥)

to strive / to struggle / to fight: struggle

fēng kuáng

疯狂 (瘋狂)

crazy / frantic / madness / extreme popularity

fēng gé

风格 (風格)

style / maneer / mode

fēng jǐng

风景 (風景)

scenery / landscape / CL:个

fēng sú

风俗 (風俗)

social custom / CL:个

fēng xiǎn

风险 (風險)

risk / venture / hazard

fěng cì

讽刺 (諷刺)

to satirize / to mock / irony / satire / sarcasm

fǒu dìng

否定

to negate / negative (answer) / CL:个

fǒu rèn

否认 (否認)

to deny / to declare to be untrue

fú

幅

width / roll / classifier for textiles or pictures

fú

扶

to support with hand / to help sb up / to help

fú zhuāng

服装 (服裝)

clothing / dress / costume / clothes / CL:身[shēn]

fǔ dǎo

辅导 (輔導)

to coach / to tutor / to give advice (in study)

fù zhì

复制 (複製)

to duplicate / to make a copy of / to copy / to reproduce / to clone

fù nǚ

妇女 (婦女)

woman

gǎi gé

改革

to reform / reform / CL:个

gǎi jìn

改进 (改進)

to improve / to make better / CL:个

gǎi shàn

改善

to make better / to improve / CL:个

gǎi zhèng

改正

to correct / to amend / to put right / correction / CL:个

gài kuò

概括

to summarize / to generalize / briefly / CL:个

gài niàn

概念

concept / idea / CL:个

gài

盖 (蓋)

lid / to cover / canopy / to build

gān cuì

干脆 (幹脆)

straightforward / clear-cut / blunt (e.g. statement) / you might as well / simply

gān zào

干燥 (幹燥)

to dry (of weather, paint, cement etc) / desiccation / dull / uninteresting / arid

gǎn jī

感激

to express thanks / grateful / moved to gratitude

gǎn shòu

感受

to sense / perception / to feel (through the senses) / a feeling / an impression / an experience

gǎn xiǎng

感想

impressions / reflections / thoughts / CL:通[tòng], 个

gǎn jǐn

赶紧 (趕緊)

to hurry up / hurriedly

gǎn kuài

赶快 (趕快)

immediately / at once

gàn huó r

干活儿 (幹活兒)

to work manually / manual labor

gāng tiě

钢铁 (鋼鐵)

steel / strong / firm / staunch

gāo dàng

高档 (高檔)

superior quality / high grade / top grade

gāo jí

高级 (高級)

high level / high grade / advanced / high-ranking

gǎo

搞

to do / to make / to go in for / to set up / to get hold of / to take care of

gào bié

告别 (告別)

to leave / to bid farewell to / to say good-bye to

gé wài

格外

especially / particularly

gé bì

隔壁

next door / neighbor

gè bié

个别 (個別)

individual / specific / respective / just one or two

gè rén

个人 (個人)

individual / personal / oneself

gè xìng

个性 (個性)

individuality / personality

gè zì

各自

each / respective / apiece

gēn

根

root / basis / classifier for long slender objects, e.g. cigarettes, guitar strings / CL:条[tiáo] / radical (chemistry)

gēn běn

根本

fundamental / basic / root / simply / absolutely (not) / (not) at all / CL:个

gōng bù

公布

to announce / to make public / to publish

gōng kāi

公开 (公開)

public / to publish / to make public

gōng píng

公平

fair / impartial

gōng yù

公寓

apartment building / block of flats / CL:套[tào]

gōng yuán

公元

(year) AD / Christian era

gōng zhǔ

公主

princess

gōng néng

功能

function / capability

gōng chǎng

工厂 (工廠)

factory / plant / CL:家[jiā], 座[zuò]

gōng chéng shī

工程师 (工程師)

engineer / CL:个,位[wèi],名[míng]

gōng jù

工具

tool / instrument / utensil / means (to achieve a goal etc)

gōng rén

工人

worker / CL:个,名[míng]

gōng yè

工业 (工業)

industry / CL:种[zhǒng]

gōng xǐ

恭喜

congratulations / greetings

gòng xiàn

贡献 (貢獻)

to contribute / to dedicate / to devote / contribution / CL:个

gōu tōng

沟通 (溝通)

communicate

gòu chéng

构成 (構成)

to constitute / to form / to compose / to make up / to configure (computing)

gū gu

姑姑

paternal aunt / CL:个

gū niang

姑娘

young woman / young lady / girl / daughter / CL:个

gǔ dài

古代

ancient times / olden times

gǔ diǎn

古典

classical

gǔ piào

股票

share / stock (market)

gǔ tou

骨头 (骨頭)

bone / strong character / CL:根[gēn], 块[kuài]

gǔ wǔ

鼓舞

heartening (news) / boost (morale) / CL:个

gǔ zhǎng

鼓掌

to applaud / to clap

gù dìng

固定

fixed / set / regular

guà hào

挂号 (掛號)

to register (at a hospital) / to send by registered mail

guāi

乖

well-behaved / (of a child) obedient / clever / shrewd / alert / perverse / contrary to reason / irregular / abnormal

guǎi wān

拐弯 (拐彎)

to go round a curve / to turn a corner / fig. a new direction

guài bu de

怪不得

lit. you can't blame it! / no wonder! / so that's why!

guān bì

关闭 (關閉)

to close / to shut

guān

官

official / government / organ of body / CL:个

guān chá

观察 (觀察)

to observe / to watch / to survey / to examine / observation / view / perspective / CL:个

guān diǎn

观点 (觀點)

point of view / viewpoint / standpoint / CL:个

guān niàn

观念 (觀念)

thought / notion / concept / sense / views / ideology / general impressions

guǎn zǐ

管子

tube / pipe / drinking straw / CL:根[gēn]

guàn jūn

冠军 (冠軍)

champion / CL:个

guāng huá

光滑

glossy / sleek / smooth

guāng lín

光临 (光臨)

(honorific) Welcome! / You honor us with your presence. / It is an honor to have you.

guāng míng

光明

illumination / light / radiance (esp. glory of Buddha etc) / fig. bright prospect / openhearted

guāng pán

光盘 (光盤)

compact disc / CD or DVD / CD ROM / CL:片[piàn], 张[zhāng]

guǎng chǎng

广场 (廣場)

a public square (e.g. Tiananmen Square) / plaza / CL:个

guǎng dà

广大 (廣大)

(of an area) vast or extensive / large-scale / widespread / (of people) numerous

guǎng fàn

广泛 (廣泛)

extensive / wide range

guī nà

归纳 (歸納)

to sum up / to summarize / to conclude from facts / induction (method of deduction in logic)

guī jǔ

规矩 (規矩)

established practice / rule / customs / practices / fig. upright and honest / well-behaved / lit. compass and set square

guī lǜ

规律 (規律)

rule (e.g. of science) / law of behavior / regular pattern / rhythm / discipline

guī mó

规模 (規模)

scale / scope / extent / CL:个

guī zé

规则 (規則)

regulation / rule / rules and regulations

guì tái

柜台 (櫃台)

sales counter / front desk / bar

gǔn

滚 (滾)

to roll / to get away / to boil / get lost (imperative) / take a hike

guō

锅 (鍋)

pan / pot / boiler / CL:口[kǒu], 只[zhī]

guó qìng jié

国庆节 (國慶節)

PRC National Day (October 1st)

guó wáng

国王 (國王)

king / CL:個|个[gè]

guǒ rán

果然

sure enough / as expected / really

guǒ shí

果实 (果實)

fruit (from work) / results / gains

guò fèn

过分 (過分)

excessive / undue / overly

guò mǐn

过敏 (過敏)

to be allergic / allergy

guò qī

过期 (過期)

to be overdue / to exceed the time limit / to expire (as in expiration date)

hā

哈

laughter / yawn / abbr. for Kazakhstan

hǎi guān

海关 (海關)

customs (i.e. border crossing inspection) / CL:个

hǎi xiān

海鲜 (海鮮)

seafood

hǎn

喊

to yell / to call / to cry / to shout

háng yè

行业 (行業)

industry / business

háo huá

豪华 (豪華)

luxurious

hào kè

好客

hospitality / to treat guests well / to enjoy having guests / hospitable / friendly

hào qí

好奇

inquisitive / curious

hé bì

何必

there is no need / why should

hé kuàng

何况 (何況)

much less / let alone

hé fǎ

合法

lawful / legitimate / legal

hé lǐ

合理

rational / reasonable / fair

hé tóng

合同

(business) contract / CL:个

hé yǐng

合影

joint photo / group photo

hé zuò

合作

to cooperate / to collaborate / to work together / cooperation / CL:个

hé píng

和平

peace

hé xīn

核心

core / nucleus

hèn

恨

to hate / to regret

hóu zi

猴子

monkey / CL:只[zhī]

hòu bèi

后背 (後背)

the back (human anatomy) / the back part of sth

hòu guǒ

后果 (後果)

consequences / aftermath

hū xī

呼吸

to breathe

hū rán

忽然

suddenly / all of a sudden

hū shì

忽视 (忽視)

to neglect / to ignore

hú

壶 (壺)

pot / classifier for bottled liquid

hú tu

糊涂 (糊塗)

muddled / silly / confused

hú shuō

胡说 (胡說)

to talk nonsense / drivel

hú tòng

胡同

lane / alley / CL:条[tiáo]

hú dié

蝴蝶

butterfly / CL:只[zhī]

huā shēng

花生

peanut / groundnut / CL:粒[lì]

huá yì

华裔 (華裔)

ethnic Chinese / non-Chinese citizen of Chinese ancestry

huá

滑

to slip / to slide / smooth / slippery / cunning

huà

划 (劃)

to row / to paddle / profitable / worth (the effort) / it pays (to do sth)

huà xué

化学 (化學)

chemistry / chemical

huà tí

话题 (話題)

subject (of a talk or conversation) / topic

huái niàn

怀念 (懷念)

to cherish the memory of / to think of / reminisce

huái yùn

怀孕 (懷孕)

pregnant / to have conceived / gestation / pregnancy

huǎn jiě

缓解 (緩解)

to ease / to help relieve (a crisis)

huàn xiǎng

幻想

delusion / fantasy

huāng zhāng

慌张 (慌張)

confused / flustered

huáng jīn

黄金 (黃金)

gold

huī fù

恢复 (恢復)

to reinstate / to resume / to restore / to recover / to regain / to rehabilitate

huī

挥 (揮)

to wave / to brandish / to wipe away / to command / to conduct / to scatter / to disperse

huī

灰

ash / dust / lime / gray / discouraged / dejected

huī chén

灰尘 (灰塵)

dust

huī xīn

灰心

lose heart / be discouraged

huì lǜ

汇率 (彙率)

exchange rate

hūn lǐ

婚礼 (婚禮)

wedding ceremony / wedding

hūn yīn

婚姻

matrimony / wedding / marriage / CL:次[cì]

huó yuè

活跃 (活躍)

active / vigorous

huǒ bàn

伙伴 (夥伴)

partner / companion / comrade

huǒ chái

火柴

match (for lighting fire) / CL:根[gēn], 盒[hé]

huò xǔ

或许 (或許)

perhaps / maybe

jī běn

基本

basic / fundamental / main / elementary

jī qì

机器 (機器)

machine / CL:台[tái], 部[bù], 个

jī liè

激烈

intense / acute / fierce

jī ròu

肌肉

muscle / flesh

jí gé

及格

to pass a test

jí máng

急忙

hastily

jí zhěn

急诊 (急診)

emergency call / emergency (medical) treatment

jí qí

极其 (極其)

extremely

jí hé

集合

a congregation / to gather / a set

jí tǐ

集体 (集體)

collective / social / team / CL:个

jí zhōng

集中

to concentrate / to centralize / to focus / centralized / concentrated / to put together

jì mò

寂寞

lonely / lonesome

jì lǐng dài

系领带 (系領帶)

tie one's necktie

jì lù

纪录 (紀錄)

record (sports, written account) / note

jì lǜ

纪律 (紀律)

discipline

jì niàn

纪念 (紀念)

to commemorate / to remember / CL:个

jì suàn

计算 (計算)

to count / to calculate / to compute / CL:个

jì lù

记录 (記錄)

to take notes / keep the minutes / record / CL:个

jì yì

记忆 (記憶)

memories / remember / memory / CL:个

jiā bīn

嘉宾 (嘉賓)

esteemed guest / honored guest

jiā zi

夹子 (夾子)

clip / clamp / tongs / folder / wallet

jiā tíng

家庭

family / household / CL:户[hù], 个

jiā wù

家务 (家務)

household duties / housework

jiā xiāng

家乡 (家鄉)

hometown / native place / CL:个

jiǎ rú

假如

supposing / if

jiǎ shè

假设 (假設)

hypothesis / conjecture / suppose that

jiǎ zhuāng

假装 (假裝)

to feign / to pretend

jiǎ

甲

first (in a list, as a party to a contract, in terms of quality etc) / first of the ten heavenly stems 十天十天干[shí tiān gān] / (used for an unspecified person or thing) / armor plating / shell or carapace / (of the fingers or toes) nail / bladed leather or metal armor (old) / ranking system used in the Imperial examinations (old) / civil administration unit (old)

jià zhí

价值 (價值)

value / worth / fig. values (ethical, cultural etc) / CL:个

jià

嫁

(of a woman) to marry / to marry off a daughter / to shift (blame etc)

jià shǐ

驾驶 (駕駛)

to pilot (ship, airplane etc) / to drive

jiān zhí

兼职 (兼職)

to hold concurrent posts / part-time / concurrent job / moonlighting

jiān jué

坚决 (堅決)

firm / resolute / determined

jiān qiáng

坚强 (堅強)

staunch / strong

jiān bǎng

肩膀

shoulder

jiān jù

艰巨 (艱巨)

arduous / terrible (task) / very difficult / formidable

jiān kǔ

艰苦 (艱苦)

difficult / hard / arduous

jiǎn dāo

剪刀

scissors / CL:把[bǎ]

jiǎn

捡 (撿)

to pick up / to collect / to gather

jiǎn lì

简历 (簡曆)

Curriculum Vitae (CV) / résumé (resume) / biographical notes

jiǎn zhí

简直 (簡直)

simply / at all / practically

jiàn shēn

健身

to exercise / to keep fit / to work out / physical exercise

jiàn lì

建立

to establish / to set up / to found / to build

jiàn shè

建设 (建設)

to build / to construct / construction / constructive

jiàn zhù

建筑 (建築)

building / to construct / Taiwan pr.jian4 zhu2 / CL:个

jiàn pán

键盘 (鍵盤)

keyboard

jiǎng jiū

讲究 (講究)

to pay particular attention to / exquisite / aesthetic

jiǎng zuò

讲座 (講座)

a course of lectures / CL:个

jiàng yóu

酱油 (醬油)

soy sauce

jiāo huàn

交换 (交換)

to exchange / to swap / to switch (telecom) / commutative (math) / to commute

jiāo jì

交际 (交際)

communication / social intercourse

jiāo wǎng

交往

to associate / to contact / association / contact

jiāo

浇 (澆)

to pour liquid / to irrigate (using waterwheel) / to water / to cast (molten metal) / to mold

jiāo shuǐ

胶水 (膠水)

glue

jiǎo huá

狡猾

crafty / cunning / sly

jiǎo dù

角度

angle / point of view

jiào cái

教材

teaching material / CL:本[běn]

jiào liàn

教练 (教練)

instructor / sports coach / trainer / CL:个,位[wèi], 名[míng]

jiào xùn

教训 (教訓)

a lesson / a moral / to chide sb / to lecture sb

jiē chù

接触 (接觸)

to touch / to contact / access / in touch with

jiē dài

接待

to receive (a visitor) / to admit (allow sb to enter)

jiē jìn

接近

near / close to

jiē shí

结实 (結實)

rugged / sturdy

jiē duàn

阶段 (階段)

stage / section / phase / period / CL:个

jié gòu

结构 (結構)

structure / composition / makeup / architecture / CL:座[zuò], 个

jié hé

结合 (結合)

to combine / to link / to integrate / binding / CL:次[cì]

jié lùn

结论 (結論)

conclusion / verdict / to conclude / to reach a verdict / CL:个

jié zhàng

结账 (結賬)

to pay the bill / to settle accounts

jié shěng

节省 (節省)

saving / to save / to use sparingly / to cut down on

jiè kǒu

借口

to use as an excuse / on the pretext

jiè

届 (屆)

to arrive at (place or time) / period / to become due / classifier for events, meetings, elections, sporting fixtures etc

jiè

戒

to guard against / to exhort / to admonish or warn / to give up or stop doing sth / Buddhist monastic discipline / ring (for a finger)

jiè zhi

戒指

(finger) ring

jīn shǔ

金属 (金屬)

metal / CL:种[zhǒng]

jǐn kuài

尽快 (盡快)

as quickly as possible / as soon as possible / with all speed

jǐn jí

紧急 (緊急)

urgent / emergency

jǐn shèn

谨慎 (謹慎)

cautious / prudent

jìn lì

尽力 (盡力)

to strive one's hardest / to spare no effort

jìn liàng

尽量 (盡量)

as much as possible / to the greatest extent

jìn dài

近代

modern times

jìn bù

进步 (進步)

progress / improvement / to improve / to progress / CL:个

jìn kǒu

进口 (進口)

to import / imported

jīng lì

精力

energy

jīng shén

精神

spirit / mind / consciousness / thought / mental / psychological / essence / gist / CL:个

jīng diǎn

经典 (經典)

the classics / scriptures / classical

jīng shāng

经商 (經商)

to trade / to carry out commercial activities / in business

jīng yíng

经营 (經營)

to engage in (business etc) / to run / to operate

jiǔ bā

酒吧

bar / pub / saloon / CL:家[jiā]

jiù

救

to rescue / to save / to assist

jiù hù chē

救护车 (救護車)

ambulance / CL:辆[liàng]

jiù jiù

舅舅

mother's brother / maternal uncle (informal) / CL:个

jū rán

居然

unexpectedly / to one's surprise / go so far as to

jú zi

桔子

tangerine / CL:个,瓣[bàn]

jù lè bù

俱乐部 (俱樂部)

club (i.e. a group or organization) / CL:个

jù bèi

具备 (具備)

to possess / to have / equipped with / able to fulfill (conditions or requirements)

jù tǐ

具体 (具體)

concrete / definite / specific

jù dà

巨大

huge / immense / very large / tremendous / gigantic / enormous

jù shuō

据说 (據說)

it is said that / reportedly

juān

捐

to contribute / to donate / contribution / tax / to abandon

jué sài

决赛 (決賽)

finals (of a competition)

jué xīn

决心 (決心)

determination / resolution / determined / firm and resolute / to make up one's mind / CL:个

jué duì

绝对 (絕對)

absolute / unconditional

jué sè

角色

persona / role / character in a novel

jūn shì

军事 (軍事)

military affairs / military matters / military

jūn yún

均匀 (均匀)

well-distributed / homogeneous / even

kǎ chē

卡车 (卡車)

truck / CL:辆[liàng]

kāi fā

开发 (開發)

exploit (a resource) / open up (for development) / to develop

kāi fàng

开放 (開放)

to lift (a ban or restriction) / to open to the outside world (politics) / to open for public use / to come into bloom (of flowers)

kāi mù shì

开幕式 (開幕式)

opening ceremony

kāi shuǐ

开水 (開水)

boiled water / boiling water

kǎn

砍

to chop / to cut down / to throw sth at sb

kàn bu qǐ

看不起

to look down upon / to despise

kàn wàng

看望

to visit / to pay a call to

kào

靠

to lean against or on / to stand by the side of / to come near to / to depend on / to trust / to fuck (vulgar) / traditional military costume drama where the performers wear armor (old)

kē

颗 (顆)

classifier for small spheres, pearls, corn grains, teeth, hearts, satellites etc

kě jiàn

可见 (可見)

it can clearly be seen (that this is the case) / it is (thus) clear / clear / visible

kě kào

可靠

reliable

kě pà

可怕

awful / dreadful / fearful / formidable / frightful / scary / hideous / horrible / terrible / terribly

kè

克

to be able to / to subdue / to restrain / to overcome / gram

kè fú

克服

(try to) overcome (hardships etc) / to conquer / to put up with / to endure

kè kǔ

刻苦

hardworking / assiduous

kè guān

客观 (客觀)

objective / impartial

kè chéng

课程 (課程)

course / class / CL:堂[táng], 節[jié], 门[mén]

kōng jiān

空间 (空間)

space (astronomy) / CL:个

kòng zhì

控制

control / to exercise control over / to contain

kòng xián

空闲 (空閑)

idle / free time / leisure

kǒu wèi

口味

a person's preferences / tastes (in food) / flavor

kuā

夸 (誇)

to boast / to exaggerate / to praise

kuā zhāng

夸张 (誇張)

to exaggerate / overstated / exaggerated / hyperbole / (coll.) excessive / extreme / ridiculous

kuài jì

会计 (會計)

accountant / accountancy / accounting

kuān

宽 (寬)

wide / broad / lenient

kūn chóng

昆虫 (昆蟲)

insect / CL:只[zhī], 群[qún], 堆[duī]

kuò dà

扩大 (擴大)

to expand / to enlarge / to broaden one's scope

là jiāo

辣椒

hot pepper / chili

lán

拦 (攔)

to cut off / to hinder

làn

烂 (爛)

well-cooked and soft / mushy / to rot / to decompose / rotten / worn out / chaotic / messy / utterly / thoroughly

lǎng dú

朗读 (朗讀)

read aloud / read loudly and clearly

láo dòng

劳动 (勞動)

physical labor / work / toil / CL:次[cì]

láo jià

劳驾 (勞駕)

excuse me

lǎo lao

姥姥

(informal) mother's mother / maternal grandmother

lǎo bǎi xìng

老百姓

ordinary people / the 'person in the street' / CL:个

lǎo bǎn

老板

boss / keeper

lǎo pó

老婆

(coll.) wife

lǎo shi

老实 (老實)

honest / sincere / open and guileless / naïve

lǎo shǔ

老鼠

rat / mouse / CL:只[zhī]

lè guān

乐观 (樂觀)

optimistic / hopeful

léi

雷

thunder / (internet slang) terrifying / terrific

lèi xíng

类型 (類型)

type / category / genre / form / style

lěng dàn

冷淡

cold / indifferent

lí mǐ

厘米

centimeter

lí

梨

pear / CL:个

lí hūn

离婚 (離婚)

to divorce / divorced from (one's spouse)

lǐ lùn

理论 (理論)

theory / CL:个

lǐ yóu

理由

reason / grounds / justification / CL:个

lì rùn

利润 (利潤)

profits

lì xī

利息

interest (on a loan) / CL:笔[bǐ]

lì yì

利益

benefit / (in sb's) interest / CL:个

lì yòng

利用

exploit / make use of / to use / to take advantage of / to utilize

lì liang

力量

power / force / strength

lì jí

立即

immediately

lì kè

立刻

forthwith / immediate / prompt / promptly / straightway / thereupon / at once

lián hé

联合 (聯合)

to combine / to join / unite / alliance

lián máng

连忙 (連忙)

promptly / at once

lián xù

连续 (連續)

continuous / in a row / serial / consecutive

liàn ài

恋爱 (戀愛)

(romantic) love / in love / to have an affair / CL:个

liáng shí

粮食 (糧食)

foodstuff / cereals / CL:种[zhǒng]

liáng hǎo

良好

good / favorable / well / fine

liàng

亮

bright / clear / resonant / to shine / to show / to reveal

liǎo bu qǐ

了不起

amazing / terrific / extraordinary

liè chē

列车 (列車)

(railway) train

lín shí

临时 (臨時)

at the instant sth happens / temporary / interim / ad hoc

líng huó

灵活 (靈活)

flexible / nimble / agile

líng

铃 (鈴)

(small) bell / CL:只[zhī]

líng jiàn

零件

part / component

líng shí

零食

between-meal nibbles / snacks

lǐng dǎo

领导 (領導)

to lead / leading / leadership / leader / CL:位[wèi], 个

lǐng yù

领域 (領域)

domain / sphere / field / territory / area

liú chuán

流传 (流傳)

to spread / to circulate / to hand down

liú lèi

流泪 (流淚)

to shed tears

liú lǎn

浏览 (瀏覽)

to skim over / to browse

lóng

龙 (龍)

dragon / CL:条[tiáo] / imperial

lòu

漏

to leak / to divulge / to leave out by mistake / waterclock or hourglass (old)

lù qǔ

录取 (錄取)

to recruit / to enroll

lù yīn

录音 (錄音)

to record (sound) / sound-recording / CL:个

lù dì

陆地 (陸地)

dry land (as opposed to the sea)

lù xù

陆续 (陸續)

in turn / successively / one after the other / bit by bit

lún liú

轮流 (輪流)

to alternate / to take turns

lùn wén

论文 (論文)

treatise / thesis / paper / CL:篇[piān] / to discuss a paper or thesis (old)

luó jì

逻辑 (邏輯)

logic (loanword)

luò hòu

落后 (落後)

to fall behind / to lag (in technology etc) / backward / to retrogress

mà

骂 (罵)

to scold / abuse / CL:通[tòng], 顿[dùn]

mài kè fēng

麦克风 (麥克風)

microphone (loanword)

mán tóu

馒头 (饅頭)

steamed roll / steamed bun / steamed bread / CL:个

mǎn zú

满足 (滿足)

to satisfy / to meet (the needs of)

máo bìng

毛病

fault / problem / defect / shortcomings / CL:个

máo dùn

矛盾

contradictory / contradiction / CL:个

mào xiǎn

冒险 (冒險)

to take risks / to take chances / foray / adventure

mào yì

贸易 (貿易)

(commercial) trade / CL:个

méi tǐ

媒体 (媒體)

media, esp. news media

méi tàn

煤炭

coal

méi mao

眉毛

eyebrow / CL:根[gēn]

měi shù

美术 (美術)

art / fine arts / painting / CL:种[zhǒng]

mèi lì

魅力

charm / fascination / glamor / charisma

mèng xiǎng

梦想 (夢想)

to dream of / to hope in vain

mì qiè

密切

close / familiar / intimate / closely (related) / to foster close ties / to pay close attention

mì mì

秘密

secret / CL:个

mì shū

秘书 (秘書)

secretary

mì fēng

蜜蜂

bee / honeybee / CL:只[zhī], 群[qún]

miàn duì

面对 (面對)

to confront / to face

miàn jī

面积 (面積)

surface area

miàn lín

面临 (面臨)

to face sth / to be confronted with

miáo xiě

描写 (描寫)

to describe / to depict / to portray / description

miáo tiáo

苗条 (苗條)

slim / slender / graceful

mǐn gǎn

敏感

sensitive / susceptible / politically sensitive (pretext for censorship)

míng pái

名牌

famous brand

míng piàn

名片

(business) card

míng shèng gǔ jì

名胜古迹 (名勝古迹)

historical sites and scenic spots

míng què

明确 (明確)

to clarify / explicit / clear-cut / definite / to specify / to make definite

míng xiǎn

明显 (明顯)

obvious / distinct / clear

míng xīng

明星

star / celebrity

mìng lìng

命令

order / command / CL:道[dào], 个

mìng yùn

命运 (命運)

destiny / fate / CL:个

mō

摸

to feel with the hand / to touch / to stroke / to grope / to feel (one's pulse)

mó tuō chē

摩托车 (摩托車)

motorbike / motorcycle / CL:辆[liàng], 部[bù]

mó fǎng

模仿

to imitate / to copy / to emulate / to mimic / model

mó hu

模糊

vague / indistinct / fuzzy

mó tè

模特

(fashion) model (loanword)

mò shēng

陌生

strange / unfamiliar

mǒu

某

a certain / sb or sth indefinite / some / such-and-such

mù tóu

木头 (木頭)

slow-witted / blockhead / log (of wood, timber etc) / CL:块[kuài], 根[gēn]

mù biāo

目标 (目標)

target / goal / objective / CL:个

mù lù

目录 (目錄)

catalog / table of contents / directory (on computer hard drive) / list / contents

mù qián

目前

at the present time / currently

nǎ pà

哪怕

no matter how / even / even if / even though

nán guài

难怪 (難怪)

(it's) no wonder (that...) / (it's) not surprising (that)

nán miǎn

难免 (難免)

hard to avoid / difficult to escape from

nǎo dai

脑袋 (脑袋)

head / skull / brain / mental capability / CL:颗[kē], 个

nèi bù

内部 (内部)

interior / inside (part, section) / internal

nèi kē

内科 (内科)

medicine / 'internal' medicine, i.e. treatment by administering drugs, as opposed to surgical intervention / medical department

nèn

嫩

tender / soft / delicate / light (color) / inexperienced / unskilled

néng gàn

能干 (能幹)

capable / competent

néng yuán

能源

energy / power source / CL:个

ńg

嗯

m-hm (sound used to express agreement or assent)

nián dài

年代

a decade of a century (e.g. the Sixties) / age / era / period / CL:个

nián jì

年纪 (年紀)

year (in school, college etc) / grade CL:把[bǎ], 个

niàn

念

to miss (someone) / to read (aloud) / to study (a degree course) / to miss (sb) / idea / remembrance / twenty (banker's anti-fraud numeral corresponding to 廿, 20)

nìng kě

宁可 (甯可)

preferably / one would prefer to...(or not to...) / would rather / (would) be better to / (to pick) the lesser of two evils

niú zǎi kù

牛仔裤 (牛仔褲)

jeans / CL:条[tiáo]

nóng cūn
农村 (農村)
rural area / village / CL:个

nóng mín
农民 (農民)
peasant / CL:个

nóng yè
农业 (農業)
agriculture / farming

nóng
浓 (濃)
concentrated / dense

nǚ shì
女士
lady / madam / CL:个,位[wèi]

ōu zhōu
欧洲 (歐洲)
Europe / European

ǒu rán
偶然
incidentally / occasional / occasionally / by chance / randomly

pāi
拍
to take (a photograph) / to clap / to pat / to slap / fly-swatter / racket

pài
派
clique / school / group / faction / to dispatch / to send / to assign / to appoint / pi (Greek letter Ππ) / the circular ratio pi = 3.1415926

pàn wàng
盼望
to hope for / look forward to

péi xùn
培训 (培訓)
to cultivate / to train / to groom / training

péi yǎng
培养 (培養)
to educate / to nurture / to breed / to groom (for a position)

péi cháng

赔偿 (賠償)

to compensate

pèi fú

佩服

admire

pèi hé

配合

matching / fitting in with / compatible with / to correspond / to fit / to conform to / rapport / to coordinate with / to act in concert with / to cooperate / to become man and wife / to combine parts of machine

pén

盆

basin / flower pot / unit of volume equal to 12 斗 and 8 升, approx 128 liters / CL:个

pèng

碰

to touch / to meet with / to bump

pī

批

to ascertain / to act on / to criticize / to pass on / classifier for batches, lots, military flights / tier (for the ranking of universities and colleges)

pī zhǔn

批准

to approve / to ratify

pī

披

to drape over one's shoulders / to unroll / to split open / to spread out

pí láo

疲劳 (疲勞)

fatigue / wearily / weariness / weary

pǐ

匹

classifier for horses, mules and tissue / ordinary person

piàn

片

thin piece / flake / a slice / film / TV play / to slice / to carve thin / partial / incomplete / one-sided / classifier for slices, tablets, tract of land, area of water / classifier for CDs, movies, DVDs etc / used with numeral 一[yī]: classifier for scenario, scene, feeling, atmosphere, sound etc

piàn miàn

片面

unilateral / one-sided

piāo

飘 (飄)

to float

pīn yīn

拼音

pinyin (Chinese romanization) / phonetic writing

pín dào

频道 (頻道)

frequency / (television) channel

píng

凭 (憑)

to lean against / to rely on / on the basis of / no matter (how, what etc) / proof

píng jūn

平均

average / on average / evenly / in equal proportions

píng

平

flat / level / equal / to tie (make the same score) / to draw (score) / calm / peaceful

píng 'ān

平安

safe and sound / well / without mishap / quiet and safe / at peace

píng cháng

平常

ordinary / common / usually / ordinarily

píng děng

平等

equality / equal

píng fāng

平方

square (as in square foot, square mile, square root)

píng héng

平衡

balance / equilibrium

píng jìng

平静 (平靜)

tranquil / undisturbed / serene

píng jià

评价 (評價)

to evaluate / to assess

pò chǎn

破产 (破產)

to go bankrupt / to become impoverished / bankruptcy

pò huài

破坏 (破壞)

destruction / damage / to wreck / to break / to destroy

pò qiè

迫切

urgent / pressing

qī dài

期待

to look forward to / to await / expectation

qī jiān

期间 (期間)

period of time / time / time period / period / CL:个

qí yú

其余

the rest / the others / remaining / remainder / apart from them

qí jì

奇迹

miracle / miraculous / wonder / marvel

qǐ yè

企业 (企業)

company / firm / enterprise / corporation / CL:家[jiā]

qǐ fā

启发 (啓發)

to enlighten / to explain and arouse interest / to inspire / inspiration / heuristic (attributively) / to teach / CL:个

qì fēn

气氛 (氣氛)

atmosphere / mood

qì yóu

汽油

gas / gasoline / CL:升[shēng]

qiān

签 (簽)

to sign one's name / to make brief comments on a document / autograph / visa

qiān xū

谦虚 (謙虛)

modest / self-effacing / to make modest remarks

qián tú

前途

future outlook / prospects / journey

qiǎn

浅 (淺)

shallow, not deep / superficial

qiàn

欠

deficient / owe / to lack / yawn

qiāng

枪 (槍)

gun / firearm / rifle / spear / CL:支[zhī], 把[bǎ]

qiáng

墙 (牆)

wall / CL:面[miàn], 堵[dǔ]

qiáng diào

强调 (強調)

to emphasize (a statement) / to stress

qiáng liè

强烈 (強烈)

intense / (violently) strong

qiǎng

抢 (搶)

to fight over / to rush / to scramble / to grab / to rob / to snatch

qiāo qiāo

悄悄

stealthily / quietly / secretly

qiáo

瞧

to look at / to see

qiǎo miào

巧妙

ingenious / clever

qiē

切

to cut / to slice / tangent (math)

qīn ài

亲爱 (親愛)

Dear or beloved (way of starting a letter)

qīn qiè

亲切 (親切)

amiable / friendliness / gracious / hospitality / intimate / cordial / kind / close and dear / familiar

qīn zì

亲自 (親自)

personally

qín fèn

勤奋 (勤奮)

hardworking / diligent

qīng dàn

清淡

light (of food, not greasy or strongly flavored) / insipid / slack (sales)

qīng shì

轻视 (輕視)

contempt / contemptuous / to despise / to scorn / scornful

qīng yì

轻易 (輕易)

easily / lightly / rashly

qīng

青

green or blue / nature's color / greenish black / abbr. for Qinghai province 青海

qīng chūn

青春

youth / youthfulness

qīng shào nián

青少年

teenager / teenage / an adolescent / a youth / young person

qíng jǐng

情景

scene / sight / circumstances / CL:个

qíng xù

情绪 (情緒)

feeling / sentiment / CL:种[zhǒng]

qǐng qiú

请求 (請求)

to request / request / to ask / CL:个

qìng zhù

庆祝 (慶祝)

to celebrate

qiú mí

球迷

soccer fan / crazy about ball sports / CL:个

qū shì

趋势 (趨勢)

trend / tendency

qǔ xiāo

取消

to cancel / cancellation

qǔ

娶

to take a wife / to marry (a woman)

qù shì

去世

to pass away / to die

quān

圈

circle / ring / loop / classifier for loops, orbits, laps of race etc / CL:个

quán miàn

全面

all-around / comprehensive / total / overall

quán lì

权利 (權利)

privilege / right / power

quán lì

权力 (權力)

authority / power

quàn

劝 (勸)

to advise / to urge / to try to persuade / to exhort

quē fá

缺乏

shortage / be lacking / to be short of / to lack / scarcity

què dìng

确定 (確定)

definite / certain / fixed / to fix (on sth) / to determine / to be sure / to ensure / to make certain / to ascertain / to clinch / to recognize / to confirm / OK (on computer dialog box)

què rèn

确认 (確認)

to confirm / to verify / confirmation

qún

群

group / crowd / flock / herd / pack

rán shāo

燃烧 (燃燒)

to ignite / combustion / flaming / kindle

rào

绕 (繞)

to wind / to coil (thread) / to rotate around / to spiral / to move around / to go round (an obstacle) / to by-pass / to make a detour / to confuse / to perplex

rè ài

热爱 (熱愛)

to love ardently / to adore

rè liè

热烈 (熱烈)

warm (welcome etc)

rè xīn

热心 (熱心)

enthusiasm / zeal / zealous / zest / enthusiastic / ardent / warmhearted

rén cái

人才

a person's talent / talented person / distinguished person / a talent (worth head-hunting) / person's looks / an attractive woman / used interchangeably with 人材 / CL:个

rén kǒu

人口

population

rén lèi

人类 (人類)

humanity / human race / mankind

rén mín bì

人民币 (人民幣)

Renminbi (RMB) / Chinese Yuan (CNY)

rén shēng

人生

human life

rén shì

人事

human resources / personnel / human affairs / ways of the world / consciousness of the world / what is humanly possible / personnel matters / sexual awareness / sexual passion / facts of life

rén wù

人物

a person / a character (in a play, novel etc) / a protagonist / CL:个

rén yuán

人员 (人員)

staff / crew / personnel / CL:个

rěn bu zhù

忍不住

cannot help / unable to bear

rì cháng

日常

daily / everyday

rì chéng

日程

schedule / itinerary / CL:个

rì lì

日历 (日曆)

calendar / CL:张[zhāng], 本[běn]

rì qī

日期

date (calendar) / CL:个

rì yòng pǐn

日用品

articles for daily use / CL:件[jiàn], 个

rì zi

日子

a given day (calendar) / days of one's life / time

rú hé

如何

what way / how / what

rú jīn

如今

nowadays / now

ruǎn

软 (軟)

soft / flexible

ruǎn jiàn

软件 (軟件)

(computer) software

ruò

弱

weak / feeble / young / inferior / (following a decimal or fraction) slightly less than

sǎ

洒 (灑)

to sprinkle / to spray / to spill / to shed

sǎng zi

嗓子

throat / voice / CL:把[bǎ]

sè cǎi

色彩

tint / coloring / coloration / character

shā

杀 (殺)

to kill / to murder / to fight / to weaken or reduce / to smart (topolect) / to counteract / (used after a verb) extremely

shā mò

沙漠

desert / CL:个

shā tān

沙滩 (沙灘)

beach / sand bar / CL:片[piàn]

shǎ

傻

foolish / silly

shài

晒 (曬)

to dry in the sun / to sunbathe / to share files (loan from 'share')

shān chú

删除 (刪除)

to delete / to cancel

shǎn diàn

闪电 (閃電)

lightning / CL:道[dào]

shàn liáng

善良

good and honest / kind-hearted

shàn yú

善于

be good at / be adept in

shàn zi

扇子

fan / CL:把[bǎ]

shāng hài

伤害 (傷害)

to injure / to harm

shāng pǐn

商品

good / commodity / merchandise / CL:个

shāng wù

商务 (商務)

commercial affairs / commercial / commerce / business

shāng yè

商业 (商業)

business / trade / commerce

shàng dàng

上当 (上當)

taken in (by sb's deceit) / to be fooled / to be duped

shé

蛇

snake / serpent / CL:条[tiáo]

shě bu de

舍不得

to hate to do sth / to hate to part with / to begrudge

shè jī

射击 (射擊)

to shoot / to fire (a gun)

shè yǐng

摄影 (攝影)

to take a photograph / photography / to shoot (a movie)

shè bèi

设备 (設備)

equipment / facilities / installations / CL:个

shè jì

设计 (設計)

plan / design / to design / to plan / CL:个

shè shī

设施 (設施)

facilities / installation

shēn

伸

to stretch / to extend

shēn kè

深刻

profound / deep / deep-going

shēn cái

身材

stature / build (height and weight) / figure

shēn fèn

身份

status / capacity / dignity / position / rank / identity

shén huà

神话 (神話)

fairy tale / mythology / myth

shén mì

神秘

mysterious / mystery

shēng

升

to raise / to hoist / to promote / metric liter (also written 公升) / measure for dry grain equal to one-tenth (斗 dǒu)

shēng diào

声调 (聲調)

tone / note / a tone (on a Chinese syllable) / CL:个

shēng chǎn

生产 (生產)

to give birth to a child / parturition / to produce / manufacture

shēng dòng

生动 (生動)

vivid / lively

shēng zhǎng

生长 (生長)

to grow

shéng zi

绳子 (繩子)

rope / string / cord / CL:条[tiáo]

shěng lüè

省略

to leave out / omission

shèng lì

胜利 (勝利)

victory / CL:个

shī mián

失眠

(suffer from) insomnia

shī qù

失去

to lose

shī yè

失业 (失業)

unemployment

shī rùn

湿润 (濕潤)

moist

shī zi

狮子 (獅子)

lion

shī

诗 (詩)

poem / poetry / verse / abbr. for Book of Songs 诗经[shī jīng] / CL:首[shǒu]

shí huà

实话 (實話)

truth

shí jiàn

实践 (實踐)

to practice / to put into practice / to fulfill

shí xí

实习 (實習)

to practice / field work

shí xiàn

实现 (實現)

to achieve / to implement / to realize / to bring about

shí yàn

实验 (實驗)

to experiment / experiments / CL:个,次[cì]

shí yòng

实用 (實用)

practical / functional / pragmatic / applied (science)

shí chā

时差 (時差)

jet lag / time lag / jet lag

shí dài

时代 (時代)

age / era / epoch / period / CL:个

shí kè

时刻 (時刻)

moment / constantly / always / CL:个

shí máo

时髦 (時髦)

in vogue / fashionable

shí qī

时期 (時期)

a period in time or history / period / time (interval) / phase / CL:个

shí shàng

时尚 (時尚)

fashion

shí tou

石头 (石頭)

stone / CL:块[kuài]

shí wù

食物

food / CL:种[zhǒng]

shǐ jìn r

使劲儿 (使勁兒)

to exert all one's strength

shǐ zhōng

始终 (始終)

from beginning to end / all along

shì shí

事实 (事實)

a fact / the fact that / CL:个

shì wù

事物

thing / object / CL:个

shì xiān

事先

in advance / before the event / beforehand / prior

shì de

似的

seems as if / rather like

shì bīng

士兵

soldier / CL:个

shì chǎng

市场 (市場)

market place / market (also in abstract) / abbr. for 超级市场 supermarket / CL:个

shì juàn

试卷 (試卷)

examination paper / test paper / CL:份[fèn], 张[zhāng]

shōu huò

收获 (收獲)

harvest / results / gains

shōu jù

收据 (收據)

receipt / CL:张[zhāng]

shǒu gōng

手工

handwork / manual

shǒu shù

手术 (手術)

surgical operation / operation / surgery / CL:个

shǒu tà o

手套

glove / mitten / CL:双[shuāng], 只[zhī]

shǒu xù

手续 (手續)

formalities / procedures / CL:道[dào], 个

shǒu zhǐ

手指

finger / CL:个, 只[zhī]

shǒu

首

head / chief / first (occasion, thing etc) / classifier for poems and songs

shòu shāng

受伤 (受傷)

to sustain injuries / wounded (in an accident etc) / harmed

shòu mìng

寿命 (壽命)

life span / life expectancy

shū jià

书架 (書架)

bookshelf / CL:个

shū zi

梳子

comb / CL:把[bǎ]

shū shì

舒适 (舒適)

cozy / snug / comfortable

shū cài

蔬菜

vegetables / produce / CL:种[zhǒng]

shū rù

输入 (輸入)

to import / to input

shú liàn

熟练 (熟練)

practiced / proficient / skilled / skillful

shǔ yú

属于 (屬於)

classified as / to belong to / to be part of

shǔ

数 (數)

number / figure / several / a few

shǔ biāo

鼠标 (鼠標)

mouse (computing)

shù jù

数据 (數據)

data / numbers / digital

shù mǎ

数码 (數碼)

numeral / figures / digital / amount / numerical code

shuāi dǎo

摔倒

to fall down / to slip and fall / to throw sb to the ground

shuǎi

甩

to throw / to fling / to swing / to leave behind / to throw off

shuāng fāng

双方 (雙方)

bilateral / both sides / both parties involved

shuì

税 (稅)

taxes / duties

shuō bu dìng

说不定 (說不定)

can't say for sure / maybe

shuō fú

说服 (說服)

to persuade / to convince / to talk sb over

sī chóu

丝绸 (絲綢)

silk cloth / silk

sī háo

丝毫 (絲毫)

the slightest amount or degree / a bit

sī kǎo

思考

to reflect on / to ponder over

sī xiǎng

思想

thought / thinking / idea / ideology / CL:个

sī

撕

to tear / to rip

sī rén

私人

private (citizen) / private

sì hū

似乎

apparently / to seem / to appear / as if / seemingly

sōu suǒ

搜索

to search / to look for sth / to scour (search meticulously) / to look sth up / internet search / database search

sù shè

宿舍

dormitory / dorm room / living quarters / hostel / CL:间[jiān]

suí shēn

随身 (隨身)

to (carry) on one's person / to (take) with one

suí shí

随时 (隨時)

at any time

suí shǒu

随手 (隨手)

conveniently / without extra trouble / while doing it / in passing

suì

碎

to break down / to break into pieces / fragmentary

sǔn shī

损失 (損失)

loss / damage / CL:个 / to lose / to damage

suō duǎn

缩短 (縮短)

to curtail / to cut down

suǒ

所

place / location / classifier for houses, small buildings, institutions etc / that which / particle introducing a relative clause or passive / CL:个

suǒ

锁 (鎖)

to lock up / to lock / CL:把[bǎ]

tái jiē

台阶 (台階)

flight of steps (leading up to a house) / step (over obstacle) / bench / fig. way out of an embarrassing situation

tài jí quán

太极拳 (太極拳)

shadowboxing or Taiji, T'aichi or T'aichichuan / traditional form of physical exercise or relaxation / a martial art

tài tai

太太

married woman / Mrs. / Madam / wife / CL:个,位[wèi]

tán pàn

谈判 (談判)

to negotiate / negotiation / talks / conference / CL:个

tǎn shuài

坦率

frank (discussion) / blunt / open

tàng

烫 (燙)

to scald / to burn / to iron / hot

táo

桃

peach

táo qì

淘气 (淘氣)

naughty / bad

táo

逃

to escape / to run away / to flee

táo bì

逃避

to evade / to avoid / to shirk / to escape

tǎo jià huán jià

讨价还价 (討價還價)

haggle over price

tào

套

cover / sheath / to encase / a case / to overlap / to interleave / bend (of a river or mountain range, in place names) / harness / classifier for sets, collections / tau (Greek letter Ττ)

tè sè

特色

characteristic / distinguishing feature or quality

tè shū

特殊

special / particular / unusual / extraordinary

tè zhēng

特征

distinctive feature / characteristic / diagnostic property / trait

téng ài

疼爱 (疼愛)

to love dearly

tí chàng

提倡

to promote / to advocate

tí gāng

提纲 (提綱)

outline / synopsis

tí wèn

提问 (提問)

to question / to quiz / to grill

tí mù

题目 (題目)

subject / title / topic / CL:个

tǐ huì

体会 (體會)

to know (through learning or by experience) / to realize / experience / CL:个

tǐ tiē

体贴 (體貼)

considerate (of other people's needs)

tǐ xiàn

体现 (體現)

to embody / to reflect / to incarnate

tǐ yàn

体验 (體驗)

to experience for oneself

tiān kōng

天空

sky

tiān zhēn

天真

naive / innocent / artless

tiáo pí

调皮 (調皮)

naughty / mischievous / unruly

tiáo zhěng

调整 (調整)

adjustment / revision / CL:个

tiǎo zhàn

挑战 (挑戰)

challenge

tōng cháng

通常

usual / regular / ordinary / normal

tǒng yī

统一 (統一)

to unify / to unite / to integrate / unified

tòng kǔ

痛苦

pain / suffering / painful / CL:个

tòng kuài

痛快

overjoyed / delighted / happily / heartily / enjoying / also pr. tong4 kuai5

tōu

偷

to steal / to pilfer / to snatch / thief / stealthily

tóu rù

投入

to participate in / to invest in / to throw into / to put into / absorbed / engrossed

tóu zī

投资 (投資)

investment / to invest

tòu míng

透明

transparent / open (non-secretive)

tū chū

突出

prominent / outstanding / to give prominence to / to protrude / to project

tǔ dì

土地

territory / land / soil / local god / Lar / genius loci / CL:片[piàn]

tǔ dòu

土豆

potato / CL:个

tù zi

兔子

hare / rabbit / CL:只[zhī]

tù

吐

to vomit / to throw up

tuán

团 (團)

round / circular / group / society / regiment

tuī cí

推辞 (推辭)

to decline (an appointment, invitation etc)

tuī guǎng

推广 (推廣)

to extend / to spread / to popularize / CL:个

tuī jiàn

推荐 (推薦)

to recommend / recommendation

tuì

退

to move back / to decline / to move back / to withdraw

tuì bù

退步

degenerate / regress

tuì xiū

退休

retirement (from work)

wāi

歪

askew / at a crooked angle / devious / noxious

wài gōng

外公

(coll.) mother's father / maternal grandfather

wài jiāo

外交

diplomacy / diplomatic / foreign affairs / CL:个

wán měi

完美

perfection / perfect / perfectly

wán shàn

完善

to perfect / to make perfect / to improve

wán zhěng

完整

intact / complete

wán jù

玩具

plaything / toy

wàn yī

万一 (萬一)

just in case / if by any chance / contingency

wáng zǐ

王子

prince / son of a king

wǎng fǎn

往返

to go back and forth / to go to and fro

wǎng luò

网络 (網絡)

Internet / network (computing, telecommunications, transport etc)

wēi hài

危害

to jeopardize / to harm / to endanger / CL:个

wēi xié

威胁 (威脅)

to threaten / to menace

wēi xiào

微笑

smile / CL:个

wéi yī

唯一

sole / only

wéi jīn

围巾 (圍巾)

scarf / shawl / CL:条[tiáo]

wéi rào

围绕 (圍繞)

to revolve around / to center on (an issue)

wéi xiū

维修 (維修)

maintenance (of equipment) / to protect and maintain

wéi fǎn

违反 (違反)

to violate (a law)

wěi dà

伟大 (偉大)

huge / great / mighty / large

wěi qū

委屈

to feel wronged / to nurse a grievance / to cause sb to feel wronged

wěi ba

尾巴

tail

wèi yú

位于

to be located at / to be situated at / to lie

wèi zhì

位置

position / place / seat / CL:个

wèi bì

未必

not necessarily / maybe not

wèi lái

未来 (未來)

future / tomorrow / approaching / coming / pending / CL:个

wèi

胃

stomach / CL:个

wèi kǒu

胃口

appetite

wēn nuǎn

温暖 (溫暖)

warm

wēn róu

温柔 (溫柔)

gentle and soft / tender

wén jiàn

文件

document / file / CL:份[fèn]

wén jù

文具

stationery / item of stationery (pen, pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener etc)

wén míng

文明

civilized / civilization / culture / CL:个

wén xué

文学 (文學)

literature / CL:种[zhǒng]

wén zì

文字

writing style / script / writing / written language / phraseology / CL:个|个[gè]

wén

闻 (聞)

to hear / news / well-known / famous / reputation / fame / to smell / to sniff at / surname Wen

wěn

吻

to kiss / kiss / mouth

wěn dìng

稳定 (穩定)

steady / stable / stability / to stabilize / to pacify

wèn hòu

问候 (問候)

to give one's respects / to send a greeting

wò shì

卧室 (臥室)

bedroom / CL:间[jiān]

wò shǒu

握手

to shake hands

wū zi

屋子

house / room / CL:间[jiān]

wú nài

无奈 (無奈)

unfortunately / cannot help but / helpless / without choice / for lack of better option / grudgingly / willy-nilly / nolens volens / abbr. for 無可奈无可奈何[wú kě nài hé]

wú shù

无数 (無數)

countless / numberless / innumerable

wú suǒ wèi

无所谓 (無所謂)

not to matter / to be indifferent / cannot be said to be

wǔ shù

武术 (武術)

martial art / military skill or technique (in former times) / all kinds of martial art sports (some claiming spiritual development) / self-defense / tradition of choreographed fights from opera and film (recent usage) / also called kungfu 功夫 / CL:种[zhǒng]

wù

勿

do not

wù lǐ

物理

physics / physical

wù zhì

物质 (物質)

matter / substance / material / materialistic / CL:个

wù

雾 (霧)

fog / mist / CL:场[cháng], 阵[zhèn]

xī qǔ

吸取

to absorb / to draw (a lesson, insight etc) / to assimilate

xī shōu

吸收

to absorb / to assimilate / to ingest

xì jù

戏剧 (戲劇)

drama / play / theater

xì

系

relation / to connect / to relate to / to tie up / to bind / department

xì tǒng

系统 (系統)

system / CL:个

xì jié

细节 (細節)

details / particulars

xiā

瞎

blind / groundlessly / foolishly / to no purpose

xià zǎi

下载 (下載)

to download

xià

吓 (嚇)

to frighten / to scare / to intimidate / to threaten

xià lìng yíng

夏令营 (夏令營)

summer camp

xiān yàn

鲜艳 (鮮豔)

bright-colored / gaily-colored

xiǎn de

显得 (顯得)

to seem / to look / to appear

xiǎn rán

显然 (顯然)

evident / clear / obvious(ly)

xiǎn shì

显示 (顯示)

to show / to demonstrate / to illustrate / to display / to demonstrate

xiàn

县 (縣)

county / PRC administrative division below prefecture 地地区[dì qù] / CL:个

xiàn dài

现代 (現代)

modern times / modern age / modern era

xiàn shí

现实 (現實)

reality / actuality / real / actual / CL:个

xiàn xiàng

现象 (現象)

appearance / phenomenon / CL:个

xiàn zhì

限制

to restrict / to limit / to confine / restriction / limit / CL:个

xiāng chǔ

相处 (相處)

get along with each other

xiāng dāng

相当 (相當)

equivalent to / appropriate / considerably / to a certain extent / fairly

xiāng duì

相对 (相對)

relatively / opposite / to resist / to oppose / relative / vis-a-vis

xiāng guān

相关 (相關)

interrelated / correlation / dependence / relevance / mutuality

xiāng sì

相似

to resemble / similar / like / resemblance / similarity

xiāng cháng

香肠 (香腸)

sausage / CL:根[gēn]

xiǎng shòu

享受

to enjoy / to live it up / pleasure / CL:种[zhǒng]

xiǎng niàn

想念

to miss / remember with longing / long to see again

xiǎng xiàng

想象

to imagine / to fancy / CL:个

xiàng qí

象棋

Chinese chess / CL:副[fù]

xiàng zhēng

象征

emblem / symbol / token / badge / to symbolize / to signify / to stand for

xiàng

项 (項)

back of neck / thing / item / classifier for principles, items, clauses, tasks, research projects

xiàng liàn

项链 (項鍊)

necklace

xiàng mù

项目 (項目)

item / project / sports event / CL:个

xiāo fèi

消费 (消費)

to consume / CL:个

xiāo huà

消化

digest / digestion / digestive

xiāo jí

消极 (消極)

negative / passive / inactive

xiāo shī

消失

to disappear / to fade away

xiāo shòu

销售 (銷售)

to sell / to market / sales

xiǎo mài

小麦 (小麥)

wheat / CL:粒[lì]

xiǎo qì

小气 (小氣)

stingy / petty / miserly / narrow-minded

xiào shùn

孝顺 (孝順)

to be obedient to one's parents

xiào lǜ

效率

efficiency

xiē

歇

to take a break / to rest / to stop

xié

斜

inclined / slanting / oblique / tilting

xiě zuò

写作 (寫作)

writing / written works

xīn lǐ

心理

mental / psychological

xīn zàng

心脏 (心臟)

heart (lit. and fig.) / CL:颗[kē], 个

xīn shǎng

欣赏 (欣賞)

to appreciate / to enjoy / to admire

xìn hào

信号 (信號)

signal

xìn rèn

信任

to trust / to have confidence in

xíng chéng

形成

to form / to take shape

xíng róng

形容

to describe / description / appearance / look

xíng shì

形势 (形勢)

circumstances / situation / terrain (topography) / CL:个

xíng shì

形式

shape / outer appearance / form / CL:个

xíng xiàng

形象

image / form / figure / visualization / vivid / CL:个

xíng zhuàng

形状 (形狀)

form / shape / CL:个

xíng dòng

行动 (行動)

action / to move / operation / mobile / CL:个

xíng rén

行人

pedestrian / traveler on foot / passer-by / official responsible for arranging audiences with the emperor

xíng wéi

行为 (行為)

behavior / conduct / activity / action

xìng kuī

幸亏 (幸虧)

fortunately / luckily

xìng yùn

幸运 (幸運)

fortunate / fortune / luck

xìng zhì

性质 (性質)

nature / characteristic / CL:个

xiōng dì

兄弟

older and younger brother / brothers / brotherly / fraternal / CL:个

xiōng

胸

chest / bosom / heart / mind / thorax

xiū xián

休闲 (休閒)

leisure / relaxation / not working / idle

xiū gǎi

修改

to amend / to alter / to modify

xū xīn

虚心 (虛心)

modest / open-minded

xù shù

叙述 (敘述)

to relate (a story or information) / to tell or talk about / to recount / narration / telling / narrative / account

xuān bù

宣布

to declare / to announce / to proclaim

xuān chuán

宣传 (宣傳)

to disseminate / to give publicity to / propaganda / CL:个

xué lì

学历 (學歷)

educational background / academic qualifications

xué shù

学术 (學術)

learning / science / academic / CL:个

xué wèn

学问 (學問)

learning / knowledge / academic / CL:个

xuè

血

blood / CL:滴[dī], 片[piàn]

xún zhǎo

寻找 (尋找)

to seek / to look for

xún wèn

询问 (詢問)

to inquire

xùn liàn

训练 (訓練)

to train / to drill / training / CL:个

xùn sù

迅速

rapid / speedy / fast

yā jīn

押金

deposit / cash pledge

yá chǐ

牙齿 (牙齒)

tooth / dental / CL:颗[ke]

yán sù

严肃 (嚴肅)

solemn / solemnity

yán cháng

延长 (延長)

to prolong / to extend / to delay

yǎn jiǎng

演讲 (演講)

lecture / to make a speech

yàn huì

宴会 (宴會)

banquet / feast / dinner party / CL:席[xí], 个

yáng tái

阳台 (陽台)

balcony / porch

yǎng

痒 (癢)

to itch / to tickle

yàng shì

样式 (樣式)

type / style

yāo

腰

waist / lower back / pocket / middle / loins

yáo

摇 (搖)

to shake / to rock / to row / to crank

yǎo

咬

to bite / to nip

yào bù

要不

otherwise / or / or else / how about...? (one choice or the other) / either this, or else...

yè wù

业务 (業務)

vocational work / professionnal work / business CL:个

yè yú

业余 (業余)

in one's spare time / outside working hours / amateur / non professional / extra-curricular

yè

夜

night / evening

yī rán

依然

as before / still

yí bèi zi

一辈子 (一輩子)

(for) a lifetime

yí dàn

一旦

in case (sth happens) / if / once (sth happens, then...) / when / in a short time / in one day

yí lǜ

一律

uniformly / same / all / without exception

yí zài

一再

repeatedly

yí zhì

一致

unanimous / identical (views or opinions)

yí wèn

疑问 (疑問)

a question / something not understood / to query / interrogative (gramm.) / CL:个

yí dòng

移动 (移動)

to move / movement / migration / mobile / portable

yí mín

移民

to immigrate / to migrate / emigrant / immigrant

yí hàn

遗憾 (遺憾)

to regret / regret / pity / sorry

yǐ

乙

second in order / second of 10 heavenly stems 十天干 / letter 'B' or roman 'II' in list 'A, B, C', or 'I, II, III' etc / second party (in legal contract, usually 乙方[yǐ fāng], as opposed to 甲方[jiǎ fāng]) / ethyl / bent / winding / radical in Chinese characters (Kangxi radical 5)

yǐ jí

以及

as well as / too / and

yǐ lái

以来 (以來)

since (a previous event)

yì wù

义务 (義務)

duty / obligation / commitment / volunteer duty / mandatory / voluntary / CL:项[xiàng]

yì

亿 (億)

a hundred million / 100,000,000 / many

yì wài

意外

unexpected / accident / mishap / CL:个

yì yì

意义 (意義)

meaning / significance / CL:个

yì lùn

议论 (議論)

to comment / to talk about / to discuss / discussion / CL:个

yīn ér

因而

therefore / as a result / thus / and as a result,...

yīn sù

因素

element / factor / CL:个

yín

银 (銀)

silver / silver-colored / relating to money or currency

yìn shuā

印刷

to print / printing

yīng jùn

英俊

handsome / brilliant / smart

yīng xióng

英雄

hero / heroic / CL:个

yíng yǎng

营养 (營養)

nutrition / nourishment / CL:种[zhǒng]

yíng yè

营业 (營業)

to do business / to trade

yíng jiē

迎接

to meet / to welcome / to greet

yǐng zi

影子

shadow / reflection / indication / influence / CL:个

yìng fu

应付 (應付)

to deal with / to cope

yìng yòng

应用 (應用)

to use / to apply / application / applicable

yìng

硬

hard / able (person) / stiff / strong / firm / to manage to do sth with difficulty / good (quality) / able (person)

yìng jiàn

硬件

hardware

yōng bào

拥抱 (擁抱)

to embrace / to hug / to hold in one's arms

yōng jǐ

拥挤 (擁擠)

to be crowded / to throng / to push and squeeze / congestion

yǒng qì

勇气 (勇氣)

courage / valor / (to have) the nerve

yòng gōng

用功

to study hard / industrious (in one's studies) / to make great effort / diligent

yòng tú

用途

use / application

yōu huì

优惠 (優惠)

preferential / favorable

yōu měi

优美 (優美)

graceful / fine / elegant

yōu shì

优势 (優勢)

superiority / dominance / advantage

yōu jiǔ

悠久

established / long (about culture, tradition, history)

yóu zhá

油炸

to deep fry

yóu lǎn

游览 (遊覽)

to go sight-seeing / to tour / to visit / CL:次[cì]

yóu yù

犹豫 (猶豫)

to hesitate

yǒu lì

有利

advantageous / to have advantages / favorable

yòu ér yuán

幼儿园 (幼兒園)

kindergarten / nursery school

yú lè

娱乐 (娛樂)

to entertain / to amuse / entertainment / recreation / amusement / hobby / fun / joy

yǔ qí

与其 (與其)

rather than... / 與其 A 不如 B (rather than A, better to B)

yǔ qì

语气 (語氣)

tone / manner of speaking / mood / CL:个

yù mǐ

玉米

corn / maize / CL:粒[lì]

yù bào

预报 (預報)

forecast

yù dìng

预订 (預訂)

to place an order / to book ahead

yù fáng

预防 (預防)

to prevent / to take precautions against / to protect / to guard against / precautionary / prophylactic

yuán dàn

元旦

New Year's Day

yuán liào

原料

raw material / CL:个

yuán zé

原则 (原則)

principle / doctrine / CL:个

yuán gōng

员工 (員工)

staff / personnel / employee

yuán

圆 (圓)

circle / round / circular / spherical / (of the moon) full / unit of Chinese currency (Yuan) / tactful / to justify

yuàn wàng

愿望 (願望)

wish / desire / CL:个

yuè qì

乐器 (樂器)

musical instrument / CL:件[jiàn]

yūn

晕 (暈)

confused / dizzy / giddy / faint / swoon / to lose consciousness / to pass out

yùn qì

运气 (運氣)

luck (good or bad)

yùn shū

运输 (運輸)

transport / haulage / transit / CL:个

yùn yòng

运用 (運用)

to use / to put to use

zāi hài

灾害 (災害)

disastrous damage / scourge / CL:个

zài sān

再三

over and over again / again and again

zài hu

在乎

to care about / to mind / determined by

zài yú

在于

to be in / to lie in / to consist in / to depend on / to rest with

zàn chéng

赞成 (贊成)

to approve / to endorse

zàn měi

赞美 (贊美)

to admire / to applause / to praise / to eulogize

zāo gāo

糟糕

too bad / how terrible / what bad luck / terrible / bad

zào chéng

造成

to bring about / to create / to cause

zé

则 (則)

thus / then / standard / norm / rule / to imitate / to follow / principle / classifier for written items (such as an official statement) / conjunction used to express contrast with a previous sentence or clause (like 'thus')

zé bèi

责备 (責備)

to blame / to criticize

zhāi

摘

to borrow / to take / to pick (flowers, fruit etc) / to pluck / to select / to remove / to take off (glasses, hat etc)

zhǎi

窄

narrow / narrow-minded / badly off

zhān tiē

粘贴 (粘貼)

to stick / to affix / to adhere / to paste (as in cut, copy and paste)

zhǎn kāi

展开 (展開)

to unfold / to carry out / to be in full swing / to launch

zhǎn lǎn

展览 (展覽)

to put on display / to exhibit / exhibition / show / CL:个,次[cì]

zhàn

占

to take possession of / to occupy / to take up

zhàn zhēng

战争 (戰爭)

war / warfare / conflict / CL:场[cháng], 次[cì]

zhǎng wò

掌握

to grasp (often fig.) / to control / to master / to know well / to understand sth well and know how to use it / fluency / to seize (initiative, opportunity, destiny)

zhǎng

涨 (漲)

to rise (of prices, rivers)

zhǎng bèi

长辈 (長輩)

one's elders / older generation

zhàng hù

账户 (賬戶)

account (bank or online)

zhāo dài

招待

to receive (guests) / to entertain / reception

zháo huǒ

着火 (著火)

to ignite / to burn

zháo liáng

着凉 (著涼)

to catch cold

zhào kāi

召开 (召開)

to convene (a conference or meeting) / to convoke / to convoke / to call together

zhào cháng

照常

(business etc) as usual

zhé xué

哲学 (哲學)

philosophy / CL:个

zhēn xī

珍惜

to cherish / to value / to treasure

zhēn shí

真实 (真實)

true / real

zhēn duì

针对 (針對)

to be directed against / to be aimed at / to counter / in the light of / in connection with

zhěn duàn

诊断 (診斷)

diagnosis / to diagnose

zhèn dòng

震动 (振動)

vibration

zhèn

阵 (陣)

disposition of troops / wave / spate / burst / spell / short period of time / classifier for events or states of short duration

zhēng lùn

争论 (爭論)

to argue / to debate / to contend / argument / contention / controversy / debate / CL:次[cì], 场[chǎng]

zhēng qǔ

争取 (爭取)

to fight for / to strive for / to win over

zhēng qiú

征求

to solicit / to seek / to request (opinions, feedback etc) / to petition

zhēng

挣 (掙)

to struggle to get free / to strive to acquire / to make (money)

zhēng

睁 (睜)

to open (eye)

zhěng gè

整个 (整個)

whole / entire / total

zhěng qí

整齐 (整齊)

orderly / neat / even / tidy

zhěng tǐ

整体 (整體)

whole entity / entire body / synthesis / as a whole (situation, construction, team etc) / global / macrocosm / integral / holistic / whole

zhèng fǔ

政府

government / CL:个

zhèng zhì

政治

politics / political

zhèng

正

upright / centrally located / (of time or figure) exactly / precisely / correct / positive (maths) / (of taste) pure

zhèng jiàn

证件 (證件)

certificate / credentials

zhèng jù

证据 (證據)

evidence / proof / testimony

zhī

支

to prop up / to bear / to send away / to pay or draw money / to support / to sustain / to erect / to raise / branch / division / surname Zhi / classifier for rods such as pens and guns, for army divisions and for songs or compositions / watt, classifier for power of light bulbs

zhī piào

支票

check (bank) / cheque / CL:本[běn]

zhí zhào

执照 (執照)

license / permit

zhí

直

directly / straight / to straighten / fair and reasonable / frank / straightforward / (indicates continuing motion or action) / vertical / vertical downward stroke in Chinese characters

zhǐ dǎo

指导 (指導)

to guide / to give directions / to direct / to coach / guidance / tuition / CL:个

zhǐ huī

指挥 (指揮)

commander / to command / to conduct / to direct / director / conductor (of an orchestra) / CL:个

zhì dìng

制定

to draw up / to formulate / to lay down / to draft

zhì dù

制度

system (e.g. political, administrative etc) / institution / CL:个

zhì zào

制造

to engineer / to create / to manufacture / to make

zhì zuò

制作

to make / to manufacture

zhì yuàn zhě

志愿者 (志願者)

volunteer

zhì huì

智慧

wisdom / knowledge / intelligent / intelligence

zhì liáo

治疗 (治療)

to treat / to cure / medical treatment / cure

zhì xù

秩序

order (orderly, sequence, social) / the state (of society) / CL:个

zhì jīn

至今

until now / so far / to this day

zhì yú

至于

as for / as to / to go so far as to

zhōng jiè

中介

to act as intermediary / to link / intermediate / inter- / agency / agent

zhōng xīn

中心

center / heart (fig.) / core / CL:个

zhōng xún

中旬

middle third of a month

zhǒng lèi

种类 (種類)

kind / genus / type / category / variety / species / sort / class

zhòng dà

重大

important / great / major / significant

zhòng liàng

重量

weight / CL:个

zhōu dào

周到

thoughtful / considerate / attentive / thorough

zhū

猪 (豬)

pork / hog / pig / swine / CL:口[kǒu], 头[tóu]

zhú zi

竹子

bamboo / CL:棵[kē], 支[zhī], 根[gēn]

zhú bù

逐步

progressively / step by step

zhú jiàn

逐渐 (逐渐)

gradually

zhǔ chí

主持

to take charge of / to manage or direct / to preside over / to uphold / to stand for (eg justice) / to host (a TV or radio program etc)

zhǔ dòng

主动 (主動)

to take the initiative / to do sth of one's own accord / active / opposite: passive 被被动[bèi dòng] / drive (of gears and shafts etc)

zhǔ guān

主观 (主觀)

subjective

zhǔ rén

主人

master / host / owner / CL:个

zhǔ rèn

主任

director / head / CL:个[ge]

zhǔ tí

主题 (主題)

theme / subject

zhǔ xí

主席

chairperson / premier / chairman / CL:个,位[wèi]

zhǔ zhāng

主张 (主張)

to advocate / to stand for / view / position / stand / proposition / viewpoint / assertion / CL:个

zhǔ

煮

to cook / to boil

zhù cè

注册 (注冊)

to register / to enroll

zhù fú

祝福

blessings / wish well

zhuā

抓

to grab / to catch / to arrest / to snatch / to scratch

zhuā jǐn

抓紧 (抓緊)

to grasp firmly / to pay special attention to / to rush in / to make the most of

zhuān jiā

专家 (專家)

expert / specialist / CL:个

zhuān xīn

专心 (專心)

to concentrate / absorption / concentration / engrossed

zhuǎn biàn

转变 (轉變)

to change / to transform / CL:个

zhuǎn gào

转告 (轉告)

to pass on / to communicate / to transmit

zhuāng

装 (裝)

to pretend / to attire / outfit / adornment / to adorn / to dress / clothing / costume (of an actor in a play) / to play a role / to pretend / to install / to fix / to wrap (sth in a bag) / to load / to pack

zhuāng shì

装饰 (裝飾)

to decorate / decoration / decorative / ornamental

zhuāng xiū

装修 (裝修)

to fit up / to renovate / to decorate / interior decoration

zhuàng

撞

to hit / to strike / to meet by accident / to run into / to bump against / to bump into

zhuàng kuàng

状况 (狀況)

condition / state / situation / CL:个

zhuàng tài

状态 (狀態)

state of affairs / state / mode / situation / CL:个

zhuī

追

to sculpt / to carve / musical instrument (old)

zhuī qiú

追求

to pursue (a goal etc) stubbornly / to seek after / to woo

zī xún

咨询 (諮詢)

to consult / to seek advice / consultation / (sales) inquiry (formal)

zī shì

姿势 (姿勢)

posture / position

zī gé

资格 (資格)

qualifications / seniority

zī jīn

资金 (資金)

funds / funding / capital

zī liào

资料 (資料)

material / resources / data / information / profile (Internet) / CL:份[fèn], 个

zī yuán

资源 (資源)

resources (natural, manpower etc)

zǐ

紫

purple / violet / amethyst / Lithospermum erythrorhizon (flowering plant whose root provides red purple dye) / Japanese: murasaki

zì mǔ

字母

letter (of the alphabet) / alphabet / CL:个

zì mù

字幕

caption / subtitle

zì cóng

自从 (自從)

since (a time) / ever since

zì dòng

自动 (自動)

automatic / voluntarily

zì háo

自豪

pride / to be proud of sth (in a good way)

zì jué

自觉 (自覺)

conscious / aware / on one's own initiative / conscientious

zì sī

自私

selfish / selfishness / self-centred

zì yóu

自由

freedom / free / liberty / CL:个

zì yuàn

自愿 (自願)

voluntary / of one's own free will

zōng hé

综合 (綜合)

to sum up / to integrate / to synthesize / comprehensive / composite / synthesized / t

zǒng cái

总裁 (總裁)

chairman / director-general (of a company etc) / CEO

zǒng gòng

总共 (總共)

altogether / in sum / in all / in total

zǒng lǐ

总理 (總理)

premier / prime minister / CL:个,位[wèi], 名[míng]

zǒng suàn

总算 (總算)

at long last / finally / on the whole

zǒng tǒng

总统 (總統)

president (of a country) / CL:个,位[wèi], 名[míng], 届[jiè]

zǒng zhī

总之 (總之)

in a word / in short / in brief

zǔ

组 (組)

to form / to organize / class / section / classifier for sets, series, groups of people, batteries

zǔ chéng

组成 (組成)

to form / to make up / to compose

zǔ hé

组合 (組合)

to assemble / combination / combinatorial

zǔ zhī

组织 (組織)

to organize / organization / organized system / nerve / tissue / CL:个

zǔ zhǐ

阻止

to prevent / to block

zuì chū

最初

first / primary / initial

zuì

醉

intoxicated / drunk / addicted to

zūn jìng

尊敬

to respect / to revere / to honour

zūn shǒu

遵守

to comply with / to abide by / to respect (an agreement)

zuò pǐn

作品

work (of art) / opus / CL:部[bù], 篇[piān]

zuò wéi

作为 (作為)

one's conduct / deed / activity / accomplishment / achievement / to act as / as (in the capacity of) / qua / to view as / to look upon (sth as) / to take sth to be

zuò wén

作文

to write an essay / composition (student essay) / CL:篇[piān]